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SWEAT SHOPS IN ST. JOHN.

Six Operating in This City?

This Announced in Fabian League Discussion - Deplorable Sanitary Conditions - Boys and Girls Bottling Liquor - Factory Act and Compulsory Education Law Demanded - Geo. Robertson, M. P., Promises Support.

The existence of "sweat shops" in St. John, the fact that children of very tender years work in some local factories, the fact too, that in a number of local places where people earn their living are decidedly in unsanitary conditions were emphasized at a public meeting of the Fabian League Thursday night and a demand for the enactment of a factory act and compulsory education law.

Geo. Robertson, M. P., when called upon to speak said he would support a factory act. Peter C. Scharkey, the president, was the chair at the meeting, which was held in Berryman's Hall and was very well attended. A number of the ladies of the Women's Council were there, including Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. J. V. W. Dask, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Helen, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. S. D. Pitt and Miss Lewis.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Douglas Cummings, corresponding secretary of the National Council of Women, which she told that new local councils were being organized at Fredericton, St. John's, and other places.

Murray's Address. Mr. Murray was then introduced to speak upon factory legislation. He said that some of the places in St. John where women and children work and where sanitary conditions were deplorable, he had directed his attention largely to the English factory act.

Mr. Murray quoted Cardinal Manning's 1870 agitation for extension of the factory act, dealing particularly with the age limit of child labor. He pointed a vivid picture which, had and all as it showed conditions made happy conditions compared with what were met in match factories, rubber works and lead works in his country.

We were happy that in this country could set comparatively little distress, hopelessness and disease compared with an old country. But he took the lead at competition and the struggle for wealth would be bringing such conditions.

Sweat Shops in St. John. He could show in sweat shops in St. John men and women laboring every day - not too many hours, thanks to organized (Continued on page 2, fourth column.)

MORE LAWYERS ADDED TO THE LIST.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, Who Was Badly Injured, Slightly Improved.

Rev. J. M. Gladstone Appointed to Take Charge of Anglican Mission at McAdam - Two Weddings - Supreme Court Judgments Today.

Fredericton, Nov. 19-(Special)-Rev. Dr. McLeod's numerous friends will be glad to learn that he is steadily improving. He is able to sit up, but suffers considerable pain and inconvenience from a broken ligament in his back, the result of a fall which he sustained at his home two weeks ago.

Mrs. Nellie Quartermain, wife of Mr. George Quartermain, died at her home, Woodstock road, this morning, after a lingering illness from consumption. The deceased lady was in her 37th year, and leaves besides her sorrowing husband, four children, three girls and one boy.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Ann's church at 7.30 last evening, when Miss Maud Stevens, of Westmorland street, was united in marriage to Mr. Douglas McEachern, jr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Roberts.

WOMING'S GOVERNOR THREATENED WITH DEATH. Warned That He Won't Live 24 Hours if He Doesn't Pardon a Condemned Murderer.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 19-Governor Chatterton has received a letter written on stationery of the Albany Hotel in Denver threatening him with death unless he commutes the sentence of Tom Horn who is to be hanged here tomorrow for the murder of Willie Nickell.

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GRAHAM FRASER OUT OF NOVA SCOTIA STEEL CO.

He Resigns His Position as General Manager of the Concern to Take Charge of Dominion Iron and Steel Company - New Duties Begin January 1.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 19-(Special)-It is reported that at a meeting of the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company, held at Sydney Mines, the resignation of Graham Fraser from the position of vice-president and managing director of the company was accepted. It is understood that when the work at Sydney Mines was started some two years ago Mr. Fraser was engaged to take charge for a term of five years. The prospect for this effort was signed and

THIRTY-ONE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Freight Strikes Work Train With Terrible Results.

Twenty-six Bodies Have Been Recovered, But Nineteen Are Mangled Beyond Recognition - Conductor of Freight Disobeyed Orders, and Struck the Other Head-on - Boiler Explosion Adds to Horror.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 19-Thirty-one men were killed and at least fifteen injured in a head-on collision between a freight train and a work train on the Big Four railroad between Mackinaw and Tremont this afternoon. Bodies of 26 of the victims have been taken from the wreck, which is piled 30 feet high on the tracks. Five bodies yet remain buried under the huge pile of broken timber and twisted iron and steel.

On a bank at the side of the track lie the bodies of the victims, cut, bruised and mangled in a horrible manner. So far only twelve have been identified, the remaining nineteen being unrecognizable to the friends of men known to have been in the wreck.

All the dead and most of the injured were members of the work train. The crews on both engines jumped in time to save their lives. The collision occurred in a deep cut, at the beginning of a sharp curve, neither train being visible to the crew of the other until they were within fifty feet of each other. The engines struck the boiler, sounded the whistles and leaped from their cars, the two trains striking with such force that the sound was heard for miles.

Engine Boiler Explodes. A second after the collision the boiler of the work train engine exploded, throwing iron bars and splinters of wood 200 feet.

Winnipeg Carpenters THANK HON. MR. MULOCK. His Efforts to Settle Their Grievance Appreciated - Sons of England Grand Lodge Executive in Session at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 19-(Special)-The committee representing 800 carpenters of Winnipeg, adopted and forwarded a resolution to Sir William Mulock, in which they expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the prompt response to their request for the application of the conciliation act. The resolution also alluded to the marked ability and skill displayed by W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, in endeavoring to settle the strike.

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SIGNS POINT TO ELECTION SOON.

CANADA GIVES UP TERRITORY.

Northwest Mounted Police Moves Station Back Seven Miles.

ANOTHER MOVE LIKELY.

But the Orders Have Not Been Issued Yet as There is Some Doubt Over the Ownership - Meantime the Dominion is Holding Hudson's Bay.

Ottawa, Nov. 19-(Special)-Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, today gave orders for the abandonment of the Northwest Mounted Police post at Wells, on the Dalton trail, where the Kichenai and Chilkat rivers meet.

This is one of the earliest results of the decision of the Alaska boundary tribunal. That decision moves the international boundary at the point in question, seven miles further inland than it was under the provisional arrangement in force for some years past. There is no other recourse, therefore, but for the mounted police to pull down the flag, pick up their traps and withdraw.

A Stand Being Made at Hudson's Bay. It is gratifying to know, however, that while Canada may have to withdraw from points on the Alaska boundary, active steps are being taken to assert this country's authority in the far north. The expedition under A. P. Low and Superintendent Constantine, which is at present in Hudson Bay, will carry out all necessary measures to protect the fisheries of that inland sea, and to establish police and customs jurisdiction, not only in the bay itself, but in the numerous islands there. The hoisting of the old flag on Herschel Island, in the Arctic Ocean, is one of the first manifestations of Canadian authority.

Supreme Court Proceedings. The case of the Canadian Mutual Loan Co. vs. Lee, in which the respondent Lee brought an action to obtain the statutory discharge of a mortgage to the company, was argued in the supreme court today. The question to be argued was whether or not the company was entitled to payment of \$800 under the by-laws, in addition to the payment of principal and interest already paid. The court of appeal held against the company and they took the present appeal. On motion by respondent the appeal was quashed, the court holding that no title nor interest in land was in dispute nor was any future interest affected. (Specially, K. C. and Macdonell, for appellant, W. J. Clark for respondent.)

First Machine for Big Cement Works. This afternoon Lorn Minto placed in position the first of the ten rotary machines, which are being installed at the works of the International Cement Company, Hull, J. S. Martin, managing director of the company, said it was expected that the works would be in operation in June next, and turning out 1,500 barrels a day. Subsequently the party inspected the works, which have over 400 (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)

Mr. Blair Will Be Here Today.

Ex-Minister Met at Montreal by George McAvity, Who is Returning With Him - Toronto Globe Says Parliament is Likely to Be Dissolved Any Day Now.

Montreal, Nov. 19-(Special)-Hon. A. G. Blair arrived in the city this morning from Ottawa, and left at noon on the E. C. R., for St. John.

Neither Mr. Blair or Mr. McAvity would discuss the political situation in New Brunswick, the ex-minister saying only that he was going to St. John on private business.

Toronto Globe's Ominous Alarm. Toronto, Nov. 19-(Special)-The Toronto Globe in a double-headed article says: "The party bugles are blowing. There is a general impression that the Dominion Parliament may be dissolved any day and the verdict of the people asked upon the acts of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The premier himself gives no sign. An eager politician, returned from the capital, is reported as saying that Sir Wilfrid, when asked if the election would be postponed till after another session, replied: 'There is only one man in Canada who knows when the election will take place and he will not tell.'" Premier-Tendered Reception at Montreal. Montreal, Nov. 19-(Special)-Sir Wilfrid Laurier spent today in Montreal and received a large number of callers. Tonight he was tendered a reception by the Montreal Reform Club and several prominent Liberals paid their respects to the premier. He will return to Ottawa tomorrow. The premier is greatly improved in health.

FISH COMMISSION TO COMMENCE LABORS.

Their Investigation Will Cover a Wide Range - Magdalen Islands First Place to Be Visited.

St. Andrews, N. B., Nov. 19-(Special)-The fish commission for which provision was made at last session of parliament, is to enter upon its labors at once. Their investigations will cover a wide range, including the marine, herring and oyster fisheries, the close seasons relating thereto and the dog fish trade.

Woman Crank Disposed Of. Chicago, Nov. 19-Mary Sullivan, 41 years old, who, recent service detectives say, has been annoying President Roosevelt with threatening letters, was declared insane before Judge Pond today. (She came from Cedar Rapids (Iowa) some time ago and was an inmate of the Home of the Friendless.)

Made \$100,000 from Chairs in Church. Naples, Nov. 19-Pasquale Strino, who has just died here, made a fortune by selling chairs in church at two cents each for every service. When his effects were examined it was found that he had left a fortune of \$100,000. Some of the bank notes found have long been out of circulation.

ALLAN LINE AWARDED MAIL CONTRACT AGAIN?

London Report Announces It - Montreal Office Has No Confirmation of It - Two Tenders, and It Is Not Known Which Has Been Accepted.

Montreal, Nov. 18-(Special)-No official intelligence has reached the Allan office here of the award of the Canadian mail contract to them as announced in an official contract to them as announced in the Canadian Associated Press today. The Allan line got in two tenders, one for a 16-knot service for freight and passengers, and a second for a 22-knot service for passengers and very little freight. It is not known which of these two has been accepted, but particulars are expected tomorrow.

HAVE NEARLY \$4,000 FOR U.N.B. "GYM."

Senator Wark Heads Subscription List With \$1,000.

SENATE GIVES LIKE SUM.

List of Subscriptions Given and Plans for the New Building Described - College Football Season Finished - Match With St. John Cancelled.

Fredericton, Nov. 19-(Special)-The plans for the new college gymnasium have been drawn up and provide for the erection of a fine brick building with a gymnasium space of 60x80 feet. At one end a gallery will be erected and underneath there will be dressing rooms and baths. A movable running track will encircle the "gym" floor, and all the very latest apparatus will be installed. The cost will be about \$7,000. Of this amount nearly \$4,000 has been collected and it is hoped to have the rest by next spring. During the holidays a number of the students succeeded in collecting a considerable amount.

The list of subscribers so far is as follows: Senator Wark, \$1,000.00; University students, \$1,000.00; Insurance, \$450.00; Dr. H. S. Bridges, \$25.00; Class of 1904, \$25.00; Miss Curran, \$10.00; Miss Turnbull, \$10.00; A. H. P. Bowdler, \$5.00; Dr. Murray MacLaren, \$5.00; E. H. Wood, \$5.00; Wm. Brodie, \$5.00; Dr. H. S. Bridges, \$5.00; C. J. Higgins, \$5.00; Dr. Thomas Walker, \$5.00; Prof. L. W. Bailey, \$5.00; J. H. A. L. Fairweather, \$5.00; B. R. Armstrong, \$5.00; Dr. J. M. Macdonell, \$5.00; C. J. Higgins, \$5.00; T. E. Powers, \$5.00; W. J. S. Macdonell, \$5.00; James Walker, \$5.00; J. E. Moore, \$5.00; J. E. Moore, \$5.00; S. K. Tibbitts, \$5.00; R. W. Aldrich, \$5.00; R. W. Aldrich, \$5.00; "Boobies", \$5.00; J. G. Robinson, \$5.00. Total, \$4,765.50.

LABOR CONGRESS PASSES MANY RESOLUTIONS.

Want U. S. Government to Employ Only Union Labor, and None But American Citizens to Work on Panama Canal.

Boston, Nov. 19-The American Federation of Labor disposed summarily of the "open shop" issue as raised in the case of William A. Miller now employed in the government printing office at Washington and the Miller case itself today by unanimously declaring in favor of the union shop in government as well as private enterprises, and by petitioning President Roosevelt to re-examine the evidence offered against Miller, and if verified remove Miller from the service.

The present football season has been a most successful one for the U. N. B. The senior team has been able to win two notable victories-one over Fredericton city, and one over Mount Allison. This is the first time within the history of Rugby football that U. N. B. has defeated either of these aggregations, and the showing made by Varsity this year raises hopes of even greater successes next season.

Encouraged by their early successes the boys were emboldened to initiate annual contests with the crack Dalhousie team and for this purpose the usual trip was extended to Halifax, where a good drubbing was received, but at the same time plenty of experience was imbibed and it will be put to account next year. Other inter-collegiate games resulted in the defeat of Memramcook by a score of nine to five, and a tie with Acadia.

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